

Create Email Forwarding with Qmail Vpopmail using .qmail file

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Even though Qmail is considered as obsolete email server lately and it lacks good systematical official documentation and requires a lot of "hacking" to make work. It is surely still the fastest and maybe securest mail server out there (if properly configured).

My Qmail uses Vpopmail (for *Virtual Email hosting*). Every now and then some client requires to add a new e-mail forwarding from E-mail *mail@host.com* to Email to *mail1@host2.com*. Though many like to use Web interface as **QmailAdmin** for adding the forward I still prefer do it via old fashioned way, by SSH-ing to qmail server host and manually creating **.qmail** file.

Location (of my Vpopmail) install is (/var/vpopmail), so (to add e-mail forwarding for sample mail - *mail@host.com*) **.qmail** file needs to be created in dir **/var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/** with content:

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/var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/Maildir/  
&mail@host1.com
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qmail:~# echo '/var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/Maildir/' >  
/var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/.qmail
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qmail:~# echo '&mail@host1.com' >> /var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/.qmail
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First file instructs, where to store a copy of received e-mail (copy is stored in Maildir of receipt e-mail).

In Second line is mail to which to forward. For forwarding to group of e-mails all e-mails has to be listed in **.qmail**, i.e.:

```
/var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/Maildir/  
&mail@host1.com  
&mail1@host2.com
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&mail3@host3.com

Finally to make just created **.qmail** file work properly user group permissions has to be fixed:

chown -R vpopmail:vchkpw /var/vpopmail/domains/host.com/mail/Maildir/.qmail